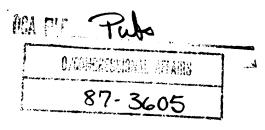
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Mr. Richard F. Kaufman General Counsel Joint Economic Committee United States Congress Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Richard,

Thanks for reviewing this unclassified tutorial. It is aimed at those people who have an interest in the estimates of Soviet defense spending and who spend some time reading about such estimates. I plan to have the final draft finished by Labor Day. Any comments, corrections, or suggestions you care to offer on style or substance would be appreciated.

The paper is an uncoordinated draft and may still contain errors of fact or misstatements of position. For this reason, please do not disseminate it further or use it in your own work.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

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